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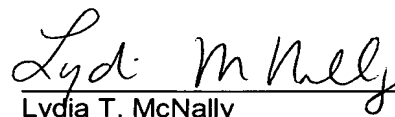
The foregoing Amendment to the Specification is to insert the Abstract on a separate sheet.

Claim 17 has been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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